

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A modular disc brake comprising a service brake mechanism having at least one thrust unit and modules in form of a frame ~~having~~ a recess, a cover, and a house for a service brake mechanism, at least a part of said house positioned between and outside said frame and said cover ~~[[,]]~~ ~~received in the recess of said frame~~ and mounted to be substantially unloaded during braking;

wherein said frame includes a recess defined by an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein adapted to allow the at least one thrust unit to pass therethrough;

wherein said house comprises an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein adapted to allow the at least one thrust unit to pass therethrough; and

wherein the outer peripheral wall of said house corresponds in size and shape to the outer peripheral wall of the recess, and wherein said house is disposed within the recess in said frame such that the floor of said house abuts the floor of the recess and such that the hole in the floor of said house is aligned with the hole in the floor of the recess such that the at least one thrust unit may be passed through the floor of said house and the floor of the recess.

2. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 1, characterized in that a lower part of the house is received in the recess.

3. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 2, characterized in that the house is made of a plastic material.

4. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 1 characterized in that the brake mechanism is a single pre-mounted unit received in the house.

5. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 3, characterized in that the brake mechanism is pre-mounted in the house or cover.

6. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 5, characterized in that the cover is attached in such a way that it covers an open end of the house.

7. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 6, characterized in that the house is open in one direction to receive the brake mechanism; that it has one or more openings for connection of one or more thrust units of the brake mechanism with one or more thrust plates; and that it has a space for receiving a lever of the brake mechanism.

8. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 7, characterized in that the frame and cover has openings to receive a number of pull rods, which pull rods are clamped between the frame and the cover in that nuts are received on one end of each pull rod and that the pull rods have a head at the other end.

9. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 8, characterized in that a gasket is received between the house and the cover.

10. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 9, characterized in that the house is pre-tensioned by means of the pull rods.

11. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 1, wherein the house receives a lever of the brake mechanism.

12. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 1, wherein a number of pull rods are clamped between the frame and the cover without passing through the house.

13. (currently amended) A modular disc brake comprising a brake mechanism having at least one thrust unit and modules in form of a frame, a cover, and a house; ~~at least part of said house positioned between and outside said frame and said cover and mounted to be substantially unloaded during braking~~

wherein said frame includes a recess defined by an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein adapted to allow the at least one thrust unit to pass therethrough;

wherein said house comprises an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein adapted to allow the at least one thrust unit to pass therethrough; and

wherein the outer peripheral wall of said house corresponds in size and shape to the outer peripheral wall of the recess, and wherein said house is disposed within the recess in said frame such that the floor of said house abuts the floor of the recess and such that the hole in the floor of said house is aligned with the hole in the floor of the recess such that the at least one thrust unit may be passed through the floor of said house and the floor of the recess.

14. (currently amended) A modular disc brake comprising a brake mechanism having at least one thrust unit and modules in form of a frame, a house, a cover, and a number of pull rods, wherein ~~the frame has a recess to receive the house~~ and the number of pull rods clamp between the frame and the cover without passing through the house and the house is pre-tensioned by means of the pull rods;

wherein said frame includes a recess defined by an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein;

wherein said house comprises an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein; and

wherein the outer peripheral wall of said house corresponds in size and shape to the outer peripheral wall of the recess, and wherein said house is disposed within the recess in said frame such that the floor of said house abuts the floor of the recess and such that the hole in the floor of said house is aligned with the hole in the floor of the recess such that the at least one thrust unit may be passed through the floor of said house and the floor of the recess.

15. (currently amended) A modular disc brake comprising a service brake mechanism having at least one thrust unit and modules in form of a frame, a house for a the service brake mechanism and a cover ~~characterized in that the frame has a recess to receive the house, wherein, the house is mounted not to take up any load during braking, and/or that a lower part of the house is received in the recess and the house is made of plastic material;~~

wherein, the brake mechanism is a single pre-mounted unit received in the house and the brake mechanism is pre-mounted in the house or cover;

wherein, the cover is attached in such a way that it covers an open end of the house;

wherein, ~~the house is open in one direction to receive the brake mechanism; that it has one or more openings for connection of one or more thrust units of the brake mechanism with one or more thrust plates; and that it has a space for receiving a lever of the brake mechanism; and~~

wherein, the frame and cover have openings to receive a number of pull rods, which pull rods are clamped between the frame and the cover in that nuts are received on one end of each pull rod and ~~that the pull rods have a head at the other end;~~

wherein said frame includes a recess defined by an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein;

wherein said house comprises an outer peripheral wall and a floor, the floor having at least one hole therein; and

wherein the outer peripheral wall of said house corresponds in size and shape to the outer peripheral wall of the recess, and wherein said house is disposed within the recess in said frame such that the floor of said house abuts the floor of the recess and such that the hole in the floor of said house is aligned with the hole in the floor of the recess such that the at least one thrust unit may be passed through the floor of said house and the floor of the recess.

16. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 15, wherein, a gasket is received between the house and the cover.

17. (previously presented) The disc brake of claim 16, wherein, the house is pre-tensioned by means of the pull rods.